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MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL CABELL

Further information just received on the proposed "White Paper" by Defense counteracting Red propaganda (Item 5.1) indicates that General Ridgway has learned that 10,000 American prisoners died at the hands of the North Koreans and Chinese. He is determined to get this information before the American public by use of all media, one of which will be this "White Paper." [redacted] intention at the meeting is to explain the paper and let the members of PSB know what Defense is doing. There is a possibility that CIA may be requested to furnish any information that we may have available or can obtain on deaths, atrocities, etc.

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Item 1: U.S. Psychological Strategy Based on Thailand.

1.1 Recommended position on PSB D-23 dated 28 August 1953. (2) copy of memo dated 26 August.  
1.2 Recommended changes in text of PSB D-23. (1) memo dated 1 Sept. "Financial aspects"  
Extra copies are provided.  
1.3 Covering memorandum from [redacted] transmitting PSB D-23. 25X1  
1.4 Summary of PSB D-23.  
1.5 PSB D-23 U.S. Psychological Strategy Based on Thailand.

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Item 2: U.S. Prestige Abroad - NSC Action 867.

Since the paper to be written must be presented to NSC on 17 September, [redacted] has stressed the necessity for the PSB approving it at the 16 September meeting. Mr. Amory states that the paper which he is preparing covering the first 4 questions to be answered (see Sections a, b, c, and d of Item 2.1) will be ready by the end of this week. He proposes that he, Amory, sit as CIA member of a PSB Panel to prepare the answer to the 5th question (Section e, Item 2.1), "What action should the U.S. take to improve the existing situation"? [redacted] will discuss with the PSB the procedures to be followed in developing Section e of the Prestige Paper.

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Our position with regard to the development of Section e is that this matter concerns internal governmental policy which is strictly outside of CIA's competence. Our role is that of support giving all assistance that we possibly can to the Department of State who has the primary interest. Mr. Amory has already offered our complete assistance to [redacted]

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2.1 Outline of the paper "Reported decline in U.S. prestige abroad", NSC Action 867, 30 July 1953.

Item 3: PSB D-40 and PSB D-45.

General Smith will propose acceptance of the merger of the two groups covered in PSB D-40 (Exploitation of Stalin's Death) and PSB D-45 (Exploitation of the Satellite Unrest in Europe). At the Staff Meeting on 31 August, representatives of Defense, FOA, and CIA [redacted] and [redacted] are all in accord with this paper.

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3.1 Suggested merger of D-40 and D-45.

Item 4: Implementation of Jackson Report Recommendations - NSC Actions 836 and 866.

This will be a progress report by [redacted] He will ask members of the Board if their latest views check with what he will have just told them.

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4.1 NSC Actions 836 and 866.

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4.2 Recommendations of Planning Board for Implementation of Jackson Report.

Item 5: Other Business.

5.1 Proposed white paper by Defense counteracting Red propaganda about the "good treatment" that UN POW's have received. This paper will be distributed by [redacted] We have been unable to get a preliminary look at it, but [redacted] of PSB assures us that it is very short.

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5.2 Following the above discussion and as a corollary to it, State will raise the question of POW's who do not wish to return, with particular emphasis on those who inquire whether or not they will be punished if they do return. Godell of Defense has stated that this question is still unresolved, but that for those who do not request a guarantee against punishment, nothing can be done.

5.3 State may possibly but not probably raise the question of converting the Berlin Food Program into a long-range program. CIA's interest in this lies in our objections to the establishment of food depots. Mr. Bross' paper, concurred in by Tracy Barnes, is attached. This paper was written on August 11 and stated that they were waiting for Mr. Conant's comments with regard to food depots. He has since commented to the extent that he would like the question withheld pending decisions on other matters that he is handling in Germany at present. Consequently, the paper as written still expresses the correct attitude. Also attached: FDA memo.

5.4 Cable to Mr. Dulles proposing [redacted] as Executive Officer, OCD and Mr. Dulles' reply approving such appointment.

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RECOMMENDED CHANGES IN TEXT PSB D-23

1. Page 5 of Summary, after subparagraph (8)

Add - "(9) Engage in covert planning and preparation for Phase II."

2. Page 5 of Summary, in paragraph 2

Delete "Planning (State) (and preparations, CIA) to be undertaken now for" so that the paragraph reads "

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[redacted]."

3. Page 31 of Plan, after subparagraph (8) (c)

Add - "(9) Engage in covert planning and preparation for Phase II."

4. Page 34 of Plan, in paragraph 3

Delete "Planning (State) (and preparations, CIA) to be undertaken now for" so that the paragraph reads "

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MSC ACTION 867 dated 30 July 1953

REPORTED DECLINE IN U. S. PRESTIGE ABROAD

Directed the Psychological Strategy Board to prepare for Council consideration before mid-September a study of the reported decline in U. S. prestige abroad, with particular reference to the following questions:

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- a. When did the decline in prestige commence?
- b. What were major causes which contributed to the decline, and their relative importance?
- c. When did our prestige reach its lowest ebb?
- d. Has our prestige in the world undergone any significant change in the last six months?
- e. What action should the U. S. take to improve the existing situation?

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NOTE: The above action subsequently referred to the Psychological Strategy Board for implementation.

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